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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Growing and Anticipated Workload at PIC

1. During your last visit to PIC on 28 January I mentioned briefly the steadily increasing workload here as reflected by the mounting backlog of requirements (now over 400) as contrasted to the fairly steady output of some thirty TALENT reports per month. To date we have managed to handle all of our services of common concern and satisfy most of our customers.

2. We have more than 8.5 million square miles of geographic coverage in some 640,000 linear feet of original negatives. As the number of people in the TALENT system has grown we have received more and more requests for services as well as products. The largest percent of our most recent efforts has been dedicated to support of highest priority projects directly from OSI or indirectly from JAKIC and GMIC. The Army T/O here has grown to 66 and increasing collaboration with SI and ELINT producers has further compounded the loads on our analysts, staff and support personnel. Many more words could be used to describe our support to the Air Force, Navy, [REDACTED] high level domestic briefings, overseas operations support, research and development, clandestine services, major components of CIA down to such mundane matters as regular coverage of the Langley construction progress.

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3. The purpose of this memo is not to look backward and complain, philosophize or seek additional personnel and support. It is prepared in order to suggest that we look forward from the present condition to new events and prospective new workloads coming over the horizon. Here security makes it difficult to be specific but you are already aware of the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and undoubtedly many other programs unknown to me. These events are going to have very solid impact on PIC and I have no doubt that some of our old and new customers may become unhappy and complain that they cannot get the scope, depth, variety and/or timeliness of services from us which they are accustomed to receiving. I am sure that we are not alone in these worries, but

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I do feel that we might have a bit more right to be concerned as we support a very wide range of intelligence activities and there seems little doubt that the millions being spent elsewhere could result in a grossly expanded input of photography before the end of 1959.

4. I don't know the answer to this problem under present conditions and do not expect that you would have one readily available. I write in advance of the problem and possible complaints from those we serve in order to solicit your patient understanding and support in whatever discussions you might have with our seniors, the planners, and those with whom we work.

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